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IN RE APPLICATION OF: LEEMING, DAVID WILLIAM
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EXAMINER: ABDOSH, SAMIR
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LEEMING DECLARATION

I, David William Leeming, declare:

1. I am the named inventor of the present application. I am an engineer with 30 years experience in the design, development, and evaluation of armour systems. My current position is Director for Research within Ordnance Test Solutions Limited. I received a BSc. from University of Wales in physics and mathematics in 1978.
2. At the time of the filing of the present application, one skilled in the art would understand the disclosure in the present application of attaching a plurality of frames to a vehicle in "the same way as the conventional slat armour," as disclosing "one of the protective barriers is bordered by a first frame of one shape on one side of the vehicle and another one of the protective barriers is bordered by a second, differently shaped frame on another side of the vehicle," as recited in claim 41.
3. At the time of the filing of the present application, one skilled in the art would understand how slat armour was used on the "Stryker APC."

4. At the time of the filing of the present application, one skilled in the art would understand that conventional slat armour on the "Striker APC" would include the use of differently shaped frames positioned on different sides of the vehicle. This understanding is consistent with depiction of slat armour in Exhibit A attached hereto, which upon information and belief, is an image dated March 31, 2005, showing a US Army M1126 Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle (ICV) with Slat Armor cage...."

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

21 June 2011



Date

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